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Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- The FBI's investigation is pointing to an outside hacker who broke into the computer network at the Illinois Financial and Professional Regulation in January and accessed a server that held information on about 1,200,000 people who have licenses or applied for licenses with the department. (See item [9](#))
- CBC News reports Canada's skies are vulnerable to another attack against passenger travel unless tougher cargo controls are implemented on the ground, according to an aviation security expert who testified at the Air India inquiry Wednesday, June 6. (See item [16](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *June 06, Associated Press* — **Thousands evacuated ahead of cyclone.** Oman evacuated tens of thousands of people Wednesday, June 6, suspended oil exports, and closed the major port of Sohar as a weakening Cyclone Gonu roared toward the Strait of Hormuz — the world's major transport artery for Persian Gulf oil. Oil prices rose amid forecasts that the storm — a rarity in the region — was barreling toward Iran. As heavy rains lashed coastal areas of Oman, authorities closed all operations at the port of Sohar and evacuated the 11,000 workers, port spokesperson Dirk Jan De Vink said. Sohar's oil refinery and petrochemical plant remained

running at very low levels, with authorities considering a total shutdown, he said. Manouchehr Takin, an analyst at the Center for Global Energy Studies in London, said the real fear is that the loading of tankers might be delayed by the storm. "About 17–21 million barrels a day of oil are coming out of the Persian Gulf. Even if only some of the tankers are delayed, that could reduce the supply of oil and increase prices," Takin said. Iranian officials said the storm was unlikely to threaten the country's oil platforms and installations in the Persian Gulf because they are located far from its path.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/06/06/AR2007060600318_pf.html

2. *June 06, Environment News Service* — **California, Connecticut, Vermont tops in energy efficiency.** The states of California, Connecticut, and Vermont led the United States in energy efficiency policies, programs, and technologies in 2006, according to a ranking issued Tuesday, June 5, by the American Council for an Energy–Efficiency Economy (ACEEE). The organization's new report, "The State Energy Efficiency Scorecard for 2006," places the three states in a tie for first place because of their spending on energy efficiency programs, their efforts to set efficiency standards for buildings and appliances, and other energy efficiency programs. Other energy efficient states are Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington. "States are leading the nation in mining efficiency as the first fuel in the race to solve America's energy security and global warming challenges," said ACEEE Acting Executive Director Bill Prindle, who co-authored the Scorecard. The new Scorecard ranked states on appliance and equipment standards, building energy codes, transportation and land use policies, and other policy innovations that are "increasing U.S. energy security while sustaining economic prosperity and protecting the environment," said the ACEEE.

Report: <http://www.aceee.org/pubs/e075.htm>

Source: <http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/jun2007/2007-06-06-09.asp>

3. *June 05, CNJ Online.com* — **Electric transformer shooting investigated.** A rural Curry County, NM, electric transformer shot by an unknown suspect Sunday, June 3, will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to repair and has spurred a criminal investigation, according to officials. The transformer, located at a substation on Curry Road R north of Ranchvale, serves about 1,000 meters for the Farmers' Electric Cooperative, its director of member services, Thom Moore, said. There were power outages in the area for about two and a half hours Monday, but power was quickly restored, Moore said. The substation has been reconfigured to function without the damaged transformer. The transformer was shot Sunday afternoon and leaked around 2,000 gallons of non-toxic mineral oil before it blew out early Monday morning, Undersheriff Wesley Waller said. Deputies were dispatched when Farmers' employees discovered the bullet hole in the transformer. A sign on the fence that surrounds the substation had also been shot, Waller said. Residents reported seeing a silver or gray Jeep Cherokee in the area late Sunday afternoon to early evening, Waller said. With repairs valued around \$207,000, the 12-foot-tall, 10 foot-wide 1,000-pound transformer will have to be removed by a heavy crane and transported for repairs, Moore said.

Source: http://www.cnjonline.com/news/moore_21784_article.html/transformer_substation.html

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

4. *June 06, Associated Press* — **Gas pipeline blast flips car.** An underground natural gas line exploded, flipping a passing car on its roof and sending four people to the hospital with minor injuries in West Milford, NJ. It happened Tuesday, June 5, when Public Service Electric & Gas workers were testing the new 12-inch main at River Road and Henley Avenue. The pipe did not have gas in it and the workers were pumping air through it at high pressure when the blast occurred. The explosion sent debris into the air, left a hole in the intersection and flipped the car.

Source: http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/newjersey/story/7483_651p-7378654c.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

5. *June 05, Aviation Week* — **Alternate engine could spur fewer JSF buys.** The U.S. Navy could cut the number of Joint Strike Fighters (JSFs) planned for purchase if Congress again forces the Pentagon to continue funding an alternative engine for the aircraft, a Navy and Marine Corps acquisition official warned June 4. Bill Balderson, deputy assistant secretary of the Navy for air, told a Heritage Foundation audience near Capitol Hill that planned acquisitions would offset the costs of the second engine, which the Department of Defense has been trying to jettison from the JSF effort since last year. Under its fiscal 2008 defense authorization bill, the House earmarked \$480 million to continue the alternate engine. To pay for that, the bill deletes a \$230 million request for one aircraft and cuts F-35 research and development by \$125 million each for the Navy and Air Force. In its competing bill, the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) included a provision that would require DoD to obligate "sufficient" annual amounts to develop and procure a "competitive" JSF propulsion system to conduct a "competitive propulsion source selection." The alternate engine represents one of a myriad of challenges that could affect naval aircraft acquisitions and research in coming years.

Source: http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_generic.jsp?chanel=aerospacedaily&id=news/JSF060507.xml&headline=Alternate%20Engine%20Could%20Spur%20Fewer%20JSF%20Buys

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Banking and Finance Sector

6. *June 06, Sophos* — **Phoney Marks and Spencer e-mail offer spreads like wildfire.** Sophos is warning of the rapid spread of a spoof chain-mail, allegedly sent by UK supermarket Marks and Spencer (M&S), in conjunction with Persimmon Homes. The e-mail promises M&S vouchers in return for forwarding the message on to at least eight people, and copying in a legitimate e-mail address at British housebuilding firm Persimmon Homes. Neither Marks and Spencer nor Persimmon Homes has endorsed the e-mail.

Source: http://www.sophos.com/pressoffice/news/articles/2007/06/mark_schain.html

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June 06, IDG News Service — **Vendors seek unity on identity protocols.** Microsoft will participate in a meeting later this month with vendors and organizations that are backing several different identity management systems, an indication that cooperation between the software giant and its peers is improving. The meeting, part of an initiative called the Concordia Project, strives to improve interoperability between Microsoft's CardSpace and OpenID, two identity management systems, and protocols for identity management supported by the Liberty Alliance, said Roger Sullivan, president of its management board. Microsoft said in February at the RSA Conference it would integrate CardSpace and OpenID, an open-source standard for logging into Websites. The work would help mitigate potential security risks, such as so-called "man-in-the-middle" attacks, where a hacker can intercept identity information as it's in transit to a Website, officials said. Novell is also working with Microsoft on InfoCard Selector, a so-called "digital wallet" for handling identity information.

Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/06/06/Vendors-seek-unity-on-identity-protocols_1.html

8. *June 06, Wired* — **Secret Service operative moonlights as identity thief.** Brett Shannon Johnson is a credit card and identity thief. In five years of crime, he estimates he's stolen about \$2 million — some of it while working as a paid informant for the U.S. Secret Service. Johnson, a well-known figure in the online carding community who went by the nickname Gollumfun, worked undercover for ten months in the agency's Columbia, SC, office helping catch other card thieves. Then last year agents discovered his two timing, and he went on the lam. A federal judge last week ordered him to serve six years in prison, and to pay \$300,000 in restitution. The case sheds light on some of the risks and ethical trade offs involved in using criminals as informants. While working for the agency, Johnson purchased several computers using stolen credit-card numbers and filed more than a hundred fraudulent tax returns in other names. He says he got the numbers and names while working on a laptop in the Secret Service office. Although everything he did on the computer was recorded with screenshots and a keylogger, he says agents were often distracted by other things and only reviewed portions of the audit trail he advised them to review.

Source: http://www.wired.com/politics/law/news/2007/06/secret_service?currentPage=all

9. *June 05, InformationWeek* — **Hackers blamed for data breach that compromised 300,000.** The FBI's investigation into a data breach that compromised sensitive information on 300,000 people in Illinois is pointing to an outside hacker. A hacker broke into the computer network at the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation this past January and accessed a server that held information on about 1,200,000 people who have licenses or applied for licenses with the department. Susan Hofer, department spokesperson, said that about a quarter of the stored information was compromised. The server, according to Hofer, held sensitive information — names, addresses, Social Security numbers — on people who hold or have applied for loan origination licenses or for real estate broker and agent licenses. The server also was being used to test new software. The FBI and the Illinois State Police are investigating. She added that the breach appears to have happened in January, though it wasn't discovered until May 3.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/shared/printableArticleSrc.jhtml?articleID=199901334>

June 05, New Mexico Business Weekly — **Spammers use credit union group's name.** The Credit Union Association of New Mexico has discovered its name and logo are being used in spam e-mails "phishing" for private financial information. The association received reports throughout May of a spam e-mail purporting to be a survey from the association. The e-mails said the association would pay \$50 into the recipient's account for filling out the survey. Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/albuquerque/stories/2007/06/04/day13.html>

11. *June 05, Websense Security Labs* — **Phishing Alert: Butterfield Private Bank.** Websense Security Labs has received reports of a phishing attack that targets customers of Butterfield Private Bank, which is based in the UK. Users receive a spoofed e-mail message announcing a new Website and inviting users to log on. The message includes a link to a phishing site which attempts to collect personal and account information. Source: <http://www.websense.com/securitylabs/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=778>

12. *June 01, Congressional Research Service* — **Report: Identity Theft Laws: State Penalties and Remedies and Pending Federal Bills.** The Congressional Research Service recently released a report that provides an overview of state laws on identity theft. It discusses state laws that penalize identity theft, as well as state laws that assist identity theft victims, including those that permit consumers to block unauthorized persons from obtaining their credit information, known as "security freezes." The report also includes a survey of state "credit freeze" statutes. The report concludes with summaries of federal identity theft legislation pending in the 110th Congress. The report will be updated as warranted. Source: http://www.opencrs.com/rpts/RL34028_20070601.pdf

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

13. *June 06, KXAN (TX)* — **Austin man alerts airport security.** Whether a miscommunication or a threat, one Austin man's call to police stirred up airport security. Police said Joseph McGinnis called 911 and said, "Flight 105 ... Southwest Airlines ... third row on the right side behind the plane ... cell phone in the backseat. ... I think it's a bomb." A gate agent handed police a phone left behind on the plane, and they tracked it back to McGinnis. When questioned, police said McGinnis stated he called 411 and told them his phone was "turned on" and then stated, "I was bombed." He was charged with filing a false report, which is a state jail felony. Source: http://www.kxan.com/Global/story.asp?S=6617602&nav=menu73_2_2

14. *June 06, Department of Transportation* — **Grant for Arizona, Georgia, Maine, Missouri, Oregon, and Virginia will cut construction times, reduce gridlock for projects.** Arizona, Georgia, Maine, Missouri, Oregon, and Virginia will each receive up to \$1 million from the Department of Transportation as part of a program designed to reduce traffic jams near construction zones. The program, known as "Highways for LIFE" is managed by the Federal Highway Administration and provides grant money to the states to build roads faster, while making them last longer and less costly to maintain. In addition to direct funding, the program may provide states relief from their state match requirements for the entire project. This saves millions in state transportation funds. These states are the first round of 2007 recipients and

more states are expected to receive Highways for LIFE grants in the coming months.

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/fhwa0707.htm>

15. *June 06, WABC (NY)* — **Passengers on board were stuck on trains.** About 30 passengers were aboard two trains, in a system called AirTrain, that were stranded when the trains stopped running about 9:30 a.m. EDT on Wednesday, June 6. The cause of the shutdown is still under investigation. Normal service was restored at about noon. The AirTrain is the monorail system that transports passengers in a loop around John F. Kennedy International Airport. The passengers in the two trains stalled near Federal Circle were able to get out of the cars into the stations. They were led to safety by Port Authority police officers who escorted them along walkways built alongside the elevated tracks. A Port Authority spokesperson said the shutdown appears not to have been a power problem.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=traffic&id=5367003>

16. *June 06, CBC News (Canada)* — **Next threat to air travel will come as cargo: security expert.** Canada's skies are vulnerable to another attack against passenger travel unless tougher cargo controls are implemented on the ground, an aviation security expert testified at the Air India inquiry Wednesday, June 6. "The answer to airline security is on the ground. Once the plane is in the air, it's too late," Kathleen Sweet, a professor of homeland security management at the University of Connecticut and a U.S. army colonel, told the inquiry in Ottawa. The inquiry is looking into security lapses that allowed Sikh extremists to plant a bomb in luggage loaded on an Air India jet in 1985. The device exploded as the plane neared the coast of Ireland, killing all 329 people on board. To prevent another such tragedy, Sweet suggests various levels of security training for all airport staff — from vendors and janitors to cargo handlers and pilots — and to have them retrained with the latest information every year. Since the September 2001 attacks against the United States airport security has focused on tighter screening of what passengers carry on to the planes. The next threat would likely be a bomb that ends up in the cargo hold, rather than suicide hijackers in the passenger compartment, Sweet predicted.

Source: <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/story/2007/06/06/air-india-cargo.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

17. *June 06, WMTV (ME)* — **Officials investigate suspicious package in Westbrook.** Six Maine Medical Center employees and a Federal Express driver on Wednesday, June 6, underwent decontamination after coming in contact with a package officials said was covered in a white powder. Westbrook Fire Chief Gary Littlefield told News 8 that Federal Express delivered the package to the hospital's distribution center in Westbrook on Wednesday morning. The package made three other stops before arriving at the facility, according to Littlefield, who said he did not know whether the package had been opened. The package is being taken to the state's crime laboratory in Augusta for examination. Wednesday's incident is the fourth hazardous materials scare in southern Maine in recent weeks.

Source: <http://www.wmtv.com/news/13452730/detail.html>

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Agriculture Sector

18. *May 15, Whirling Disease Initiative Newsletter* — **Whirling disease parasite in Alaska.** The first evidence of the whirling disease parasite's presence in the state of Alaska was recently discovered. Using a molecular test, DNA of the parasite *Myxobolus cerebralis* was detected in rainbow trout from Elmendorf State Fish Hatchery in Anchorage. The discovery occurred during a risk assessment, designed by researchers at Oregon State University, to determine the risk of the parasite's introduction into the state. There were no previous reports of *M. cerebralis* in Alaska. During 2005 and 2006, the risk assessment research team from Oregon State University collected 180 rainbow trout from Elmendorf and Fort Richardson state fish hatcheries. These samples contained an estimated 10 to 1,000 parasites per fish. No external signs of whirling disease have been observed and no stages of the parasite have been detected during microscopic examination. This is the first evidence of the whirling disease parasite in the state of Alaska. It is unknown how and when the parasite may have been introduced or how widespread its distribution may be within the state. The closest location to Alaska where the parasite is known to occur is the Snake River basin in northeast Oregon, southeast Washington, and Idaho.

Source: http://whirlingdisease.montana.edu/newsletter/nwsltr_v3_2.htm#one

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Food Sector

19. *June 06, BBC News* — **China acts over poor food safety.** China is cracking down on poor food safety amid a string of scares over toothpaste, pet foods, and other goods. The government published a five-year plan on Tuesday, June 5, to increase inspections and tests on exported food. "Food safety is not only a problem related to law enforcement, but also related to the people's health and safety, the country's image, and also bilateral and multilateral political relationships," said Li Changjiang, the head of China's main food safety agency. In the future "illegal activities behind production and sale of fake and shoddy foods and pharmaceuticals will be effectively contained," the five-year plan says.

Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/6725595.stm>

20. *June 05, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service* — **USDA proposes to allow blueberry imports from South Africa and Uruguay.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Tuesday, June 5, announced its proposal to allow, under certain conditions, the importation of commercial shipments of fresh blueberries from South Africa and Uruguay. To ensure plant pests do not enter the United States through the importation of this commodity, APHIS would require that the blueberries undergo cold treatment and be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the national plant protection organization of the importing country. This action would allow for the importation of blueberries into the U.S. from South Africa and Uruguay while protecting against the introduction of plant pests, such as the Mediterranean fruit fly, or Medfly. The proposal would also formally recognize cold treatment as an approved quarantine treatment for fresh blueberries imported into the U.S. from Argentina.

Source: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/content/2007/06/blueberry.shtml>

21. *June 05, Xinhua (China)* — **Indonesia resumes U.S. beef imports.** The Indonesian government has agreed to lift restriction on the importation of U.S. beef, a senior official said Tuesday, June 5. "Yes, the import restriction has been lifted because (mad cow disease) was declared under control in the U.S.," Agriculture Minister Anton Apriyantono told leading news Website Detikcom. Indonesia along with many other countries had banned U.S. beef imports since 2004.

Source: http://english.people.com.cn/200706/05/eng20070605_381153.html

22. *June 05, Food Safety and Inspection Service* — **Chicken products recalled.** The Really Cool Food Company, a Syosset, NY, firm, is voluntarily recalling approximately 140 pounds of chicken products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced Tuesday, June 5. The chicken products were produced on May 24, 2007 and were distributed to retail establishments in New Jersey and New York. The problem was discovered through routine FSIS microbiological testing. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products. Consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis. Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_026_2007_Release/index.asp

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Water Sector

23. *June 04, Press & Sun Bulletin (NY)* — **Chemical mixture releases pure chlorine gas.** Two chemicals were accidentally mixed at the Binghamton, NY, Water Filtration Plant, releasing pure chlorine gas into the air, according Binghamton Assistant Police Chief Joseph Zikuski. The chemicals were being delivered by a truck from Thatcher Corp. in Rochester, Binghamton Mayor Matthew T. Ryan said. Ryan added that he didn't think the incident posed any threat to the city's water supply. The lines were clearly marked, and city officials said they are investigating how the mixture happened. The gas has been largely contained in the building, Zikuski said. A southeasterly wind also is taking the chemical down the bank and into the river. The plant can operate on autopilot for between six and eight hours.

Source: <http://www.pressconnects.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/2007/0604/NEWS01/70604030>

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Public Health Sector

24. *June 06, Reuters* — **Indonesia worries over latest bird flu virus samples.** The H5N1 bird flu virus in Indonesia may have undergone a mutation that allows it to jump more easily from poultry to humans, the head of the country's commission on bird flu control said on Wednesday, June 6. Indonesia has recorded 79 human deaths from bird flu, the highest in the world, and the country has been struggling to contain the disease because millions of backyard chickens live in close proximity to humans across the archipelago. "In the past it took exposure

of high intensity and density to the virus to get infected. There are now suspicions, early indications that this has become easier," Bayu Krisnamurthi told reporters. He said, however, that the suspicion had yet to be confirmed. A microbiologist at the bird flu commission said the suspicions were based on preliminary findings of molecular genetic tests conducted at laboratories in Indonesia. "Virus samples from poultry cases have increasingly shown a similarity in their amino acid structure to virus samples extracted from humans," Wayan Teguh Wibawan said. "This makes it easier for the virus to attach to human receptors," he said, referring to receptor cells lining the human throat and lungs.

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/JAK214520.htm>

25. *June 05, Associated Press* — **South Dakota has first case of West Nile virus.** The state of South Dakota is reporting its first case of West Nile virus this year. The Health Department says a Hanson County resident in the 30-to-39 age group was diagnosed with the disease. The year's first case comes about three weeks earlier than the first confirmed case in 2006, when 113 cases and three deaths were reported during the year.

Source: <http://www.kxmc.com/News/129857.asp>

26. *June 05, Washington Post* — **Bureaucratic failings cited in tuberculosis case.** The Atlanta, GA, lawyer with extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (TB) who crisscrossed the Atlantic on commercial jets last month was not added to a U.S. no-fly list until at least two hours after he reentered the country by car from Canada, according to congressional investigators. That was only one of a series of breakdowns at the international, federal and state levels that allowed Andrew Speaker to fly to Europe on a 12-day trip for his wedding and honeymoon, setting off a transatlantic health alarm. Although Speaker's name was placed on a different watch list meant to catch people who cross the border by any route, a customs inspector used his discretion to ignore an alert triggered by the lawyer's passport. Investigators are pursuing several tracks in the case, which exposed major gaps in controls on worldwide travel by people with dangerous infectious diseases. Bureaucratic turf fights, legal concerns over applying counterterrorism tools to public health cases, and technological problems appear to have delayed or blocked the sharing of critical information among health and security agencies, congressional and administration officials said.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/06/04/AR2007060401987.html>

27. *June 05, CTV (Canada)* — **Greater Montreal area confirms measles outbreak.** Montreal, Canada, public health officials are urging adults to get inoculated after 14 cases of measles were confirmed in the area. Horacio Arruda of Quebec's Health Department said 12 of the cases involve adults between the ages of 22 and 39. The other two cases involve children under the age of five who weren't vaccinated. Quebec usually sees two to three cases of measles a year. The virus can lead to high fever, phenomena and eye problems including conjunctivitis. In rare cases, measles can lead to problems of the brain and even death.

Source: http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20070605/montreal_measles_070605/20070605?hub=TopStories

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Government Sector

28. *June 05, WCSH6 (ME)* — **Suspicious powder prompts Maine courthouse evacuation.** The state health lab in Augusta is analyzing the granular substance found in a threatening letter sent to a judge in Biddeford. The judge discovered the suspicious powder when he opened the package Tuesday morning, June 5. According to fire department officials, there was a threatening note to the judge, who has not been identified, written on the outside of the envelope. A letter and some kind of substance were inside. That prompted one of the sheriff's deputies at the courthouse to immediately call the fire department and its Hazmat team. York County Emergency Management officials were also called to the scene. Biddeford District Court was evacuated and closed for the day.

Source: <http://www.wcsn6.com/news/breaking/article.aspx?storyid=62522>

29. *June 05, BostonChannel* — **Man brings explosives to Massachusetts police station.** Several explosives, including a grenade, were found Tuesday, June 5, in the parking lot of the Attleboro Police Department. The explosives, which included two small rockets and the grenade, are possibly of World War II vintage. Officials said that a man brought them to the station at about 3 p.m. EDT. He said that he found them in the home of a friend who died recently. The police department and city hall were evacuated. The Massachusetts State Police bomb squad was called to the scene.

Source: <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/news/13448045/detail.html>

30. *June 05, KWTX (TX)* — **Texas courthouse reopens after bomb threat.** The Coryell County Courthouse in Gatesville, TX, reopened Tuesday afternoon, June 5, three hours after the discovery of a written bomb threat that led to the evacuation of the building. The threat was written on a pamphlet found on the third floor of the courthouse. As deputies evacuated the building, Gatesville police closed off the area around the courthouse as employees and residents gathered outside. Access to the courthouse, however, will be limited to the basement door, which will be manned by law enforcement personnel during business hours.

Source: <http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/7846202.html>

31. *June 05, Associated Press* — **Technology school grads hack into Waco computer system.** Two recent graduates from a magnet school that focuses on technology have been charged with hacking into the Waco school district computer system. Samuel Porter Smith, 18, and Sean Edward Erickson, 17, graduates of AJ Moore Academy, are accused of accessing sensitive information including addresses and Social Security numbers. They're charged with breaching a computer system, a Class B misdemeanor punishable by up to 180 days in jail. Erickson said Monday, June 5, that he didn't download any private information. He also said he expected school officials to thank him for exposing weaknesses in their system. Smith's attorney, Rob Swanton, said his client had worked with police and district officials after surrendering to authorities Monday.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/headline/metro/4863971.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

32. *June 06, Associated Press* — **States meet second time to review evacuation plan for terror attacks.** Public safety officials from seven states and the nation's capital will meet in West Virginia this week to fine-tune such logistics as keeping cars moving and phones working during a catastrophic event. The two-day Regional Evacuation Homeland Security Conference at Snowshoe Mountain resort is the second such meeting since the states agreed 10 months ago to formally work together on a regional disaster plan. "We want to bring to light the enormity of the problem and look at ways we can cut it down into manageable segments," state Military Affairs and Public Safety Secretary James Spears said Tuesday, June 5. Discussions will include evacuation planning, management and response; high-tech communications, and media impact, among other things. Homeland security advisers in the region have said the most likely target of a chemical, biological or radiological terrorist attack would be on the nation's capital and there would be the potential of evacuating 7 million people from the Washington-Baltimore area.

Source: <http://www.phillyburbs.com/pb-dyn/news/103-06052007-1358219.html>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

33. *June 06, US-CERT* — **Computer Associates release security notice for anti-virus engine.** The Computer Associates Anti-Virus engine fails to properly process CAB archives. These vulnerabilities may allow an unauthenticated attacker to execute arbitrary code or cause a denial-of-service condition.

US-CERT encourages users to apply the updates as described in the Computer Associates Security Notice: <http://supportconnectw.ca.com/public/antivirus/infodocs/caantivirus-securitynotice.asp>

Source: Computer Associates Release Security Notice for Anti-Virus Engine

34. *June 06, US-CERT* — **Sun Microsystems releases security advisory for Java Runtime Environment Image Parsing Code.** Sun Microsystems released a Security Advisory for the Java Runtime Environment Image Parsing Code. This vulnerability may allow an applet to read and write local files or execute local applications.

US-CERT encourages users to examine the resolutions that are described in the Sun Security Advisory as soon as possible:

<http://www.sunolve.sun.com/search/document.do?assetkey=1-26-102934-1>

More information can be found in US-CERT Vulnerability Note VU#138545:

<http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/138545>

Source: http://www.us-cert.gov/current/index.html#sun_microsystems_releases_security_advisory

35. *June 06, US-CERT* — **Vulnerability Note VU#290961: Microsoft Windows GDI+ ICO InfoHeader Height division by zero vulnerability.** Microsoft Windows Graphics Device Interface (GDI+) is an application programming interface (API) that provides programmers the ability to display information on screens and printers. GDI+ includes the ability to process ICO (icon) image files. There is an integer division by zero vulnerability in the way the ICO parsing component of GDI+ (Gdiplus.dll) handles ICO files with a Height value of zero in the InfoHeader section of the ICO file. By introducing a specially crafted ICO file to the vulnerable

component, a remote attacker could trigger an integer division by zero denial-of-service condition. Windows Explorer has been shown to be vulnerable, however any application that uses the GDI+ library may be vulnerable. US-CERT is currently unaware of a practical solution to this problem.

Source: <http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/290961>

- 36. *June 06, eWEEK* — Mozilla plugs Thunderbird security hole.** On June 4, Mozilla released a security-fix Version 1.5.0.12 of its Thunderbird e-mail client, after updating its Firefox browser, a Firefox Google toolbar extension and its SeaMonkey Web application suite. The new Thunderbird 1.5.0.12 replaces 1.5.0.10. The most important fixes include a flaw in APOP authentication (which also affects the Mail & Newsgroups component of SeaMonkey) and a memory corruption bug (which also affects Firefox and SeaMonkey), a spokesperson said. Thunderbird 1.5.0.12 can be downloaded (10.2MB for Linux users) from the older Thunderbird releases Web page or via Thunderbird's built-in software update system:

<http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/thunderbird/all-older.html>

More details are available in the Thunderbird 1.5.0.12 release notes:

<http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/thunderbird/releases/1.5.0.12.html>

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